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TAX STRUCTURE FOR ENTETAINMENT AND MEDIA INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to overhaul the tax structure for the entertainment and media industry as reported in Financial Express dated December 12, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether various groups have submitted their recommendations

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which the Government proposes to consider such recommendations before finalization of tax structure for the entertainment and media industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) No such report appears in the New Delhi edition of Financial Express dated 12th December, 2007.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c)&(d). Yes, Sir. A number of groups/organizations have submitted their recommendations. The details are as per annexure.

(e) After examination, a number of requests have been recommended to Finance Ministry for their consideration. The Finance Ministry has also been requested to constitute committees to study the present structure of levies on Broadcasting, DTH and Cable sector on hand and the Film Industry on the other hand.